

Simple Sentences

7a. A **simple sentence** contains one independent clause and no subordinate clauses.

EXAMPLE Along the edge of the porch, ^S **we** ^V **planted** some colorful flowers.

A simple sentence may have a compound subject, a compound verb, or both.

EXAMPLE ^S **Katya** and ^S **I** ^V **dug** four inches into the rich soil and ^V **sowed** twelve grape hyacinth bulbs.

EXERCISE A In each of the following sentences, draw one line under each subject and two lines under each verb.

Example 1. The monkeys and apes will stay here or move on.

1. Sally and Anne both take music lessons weekly.
2. I climbed that oak tree and swam in the creek.
3. Steve helped Roseanne with the puzzle and then washed the dishes.
4. The parrot said "Cat for sale" and flapped its wings.
5. All of a sudden, Dale and Amy burst into the room and grabbed the water jug.
6. In April the company will increase its profits.
7. Kim and Ted will go to Africa with Jade and photograph wildlife.
8. Both the painting and the sketch show the meadow in the morning.
9. This one and that one will be sold at the auction tomorrow.
10. After all of the hurry and bustle, a week or two at the beach sounded wonderful.

EXERCISE B On each of the lines below, write your own simple sentence. Then, circle each subject and each verb.

Example 1. The sun rose and warmed the hillside.

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